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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: So Help Me God

Media Reaction: Presidential Inauguration-New Administration Foreign Policy

Title- So Help Me God

Op-Ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (1-23) by Fernando Gabeira, states: "How to come down from the clouds of great expectations to the reality without causing frustration?....In [President Barack Obama's inauguration] speech, there is a choice: between security and our ideals, he chose both. The next day, an action: suspend proceedings in Guantanamo. Obama's success will be a thread of hope against the cynicism of politics."

Title- Invisible Hand, Alert Eyes

Op-Ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (1-23) penned by Clovis Rossi: "Thus ends the Reagan era, where the invisible hand of the market seems to be the only guide, and the Obama era begins, at least in rhetoric, where the invisible hand will have to live with 'alert eyes' that can only be the State's [eyes] - or ideally the society's [eyes], through the State....Obama has around two months to show his 'alert eye', which is the deadline prior to the G-20 meeting (April 2nd) when the issue will have to be defined."

Title- Why, Bush?

Op-Ed in liberal Folha de S.Paulo (1-23) by former Brazilian President Jose Sarney states: "Obama is the rising sun. Bush is the light that switched off ....His [George. W. Bush's] reactions to the challenges of governing were wrong and generated mortgages for the world that will last for a long time....The past was a disaster: the heritage of two wars and the greatest crisis of the century. But the American dream survived, thanks to freedom; freedom to choose, to realize the pursuit of happiness that [Thomas] Jefferson talked about - that is an example to all of us."  
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